

REMARKS

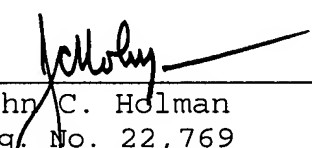
This is submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding Official Letter. The Examiner has required a three-way restriction, Group I being claims 16-25 (claims 1-15 cancelled) drawn to a system for electronically identifying a consumable component used with the medical device; Group II claim 26 drawn to the chemical analyzer; and Group III claim 27 drawn to a medical laser system. The applicant herewith elects to continue prosecution on the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-25 noting the Examiner has held claim 1 as generic. This election is made without traverse. The applicant retains the right to file a divisional application on the nonelected claims should a generic or subgeneric claim not be found allowable.

Early and favorable action on the elected claims is courteously awaited.

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